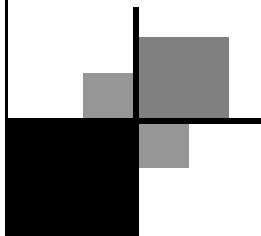


Assistive Technology: *Improving Lives Daily*

*A conference for
people with disabilities,
families and
professionals*

THURSDAY
November 16, 2006
7:30 AM – 3:30 PM

**Crowne Plaza
at the Crossings
Warwick, RI**



Assistive Technology: Improving Lives Daily

This 2006 ATAP Conference will focus on the significant role assistive technology plays in helping people with disabilities achieve their goals in education, employment and the community. A highlight of this year's presentations include Universal Design, AT in Vocational and Educational Assessments, newly released software, literacy for non-speaking students, a case study of a student transitioning to college with technology and much more. The Exhibit Hall is open all day long providing opportunities to try the newest devices and to speak with knowledgeable vendors.

You won't want to miss the opportunity to experience and learn how assistive technology can improve the lives of people with disabilities. Register early! Hope to see you there!

Conference Schedule

7:30-8:30	Registration and Coffee
8:30-10:00	Session I
10:30-12:00	Session II
12:00-1:30	Lunch and Awards
2:00 - 3:30	Session III

Exhibit Hall Open All Day 8:00 - 3:30

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Presentations

Session I - 8:30AM - 10:00AM

A. Access to Literacy: Phonemic Awareness

Activities for Students Who Don't Speak

Phonemic awareness (PA) involves manipulating speech sounds and has been identified as one of the critical elements of scientifically based reading instruction. Engaging students who are non-verbal in PA can pose a challenge to educators. Both low and high-tech methods of creating and adapting PA activities will be explored. *Margaret Kardos, University of Connecticut Center on Disabilities, CT*

B. Kyle's Chair: A Model for Human-Centered

Powerchair Design

Human-centered design is a collaborative design process that produces solutions to balance function, style and usability. This case study, fitting a 12 year old with a custom powerchair, will inspire creative thinking and problem solving while offering design and material resources. *Rosanne Ramos & Kat Darula, Multi Design for People, LLC, RI; Faith Paradis, East Providence School Dept., RI; Kyle Page and Mitzi Page*

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C. Teaching Literacy Skills to Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders

This session will highlight the core deficits students with Autism Spectrum Disorders have with learning to read and with comprehension. Low-tech and high-tech supports to teach literacy skills will be presented. *Sue Constable, Autism Support Center, RITAP; Amy Grattan, Sherlock Center, RIC, RI*

D. Assistive Technology and Vocational Evaluations

This workshop will introduce low, intermediate and high tech assistive technology and Vocational Evaluation tools for students with disabilities transitioning from high school to post-secondary education or work to help determine vocational needs. *Lorraine Norwich, Community Work Services, MA*

E. Cause-and-Effect Software, Touch Screens, and the Development of Coordination Skills

Experimentation and skills-building activities with a wide array of software programs designed to foster interactive responses will be explored in this hands-on workshop. Software giveaways

Jennifer Sweeney, Tool Factory, VT

Presentation by a product vendor

Session II - 10:30AM - 12:00NOON

F. The Power Assessment: Using Microsoft PowerPoint to Assess Dynamic Display Readiness

Learn to program PowerPoint to act as a high-tech dynamic display AAC device, providing easy and cost effective assessment of dynamic display abilities and feature requirements. *Eric Carson, Area Cooperative Educational Services, CT*

G. Universal Design: Integrating Best Practices and Accessibility In Instruction for All Students

This presentation will introduce participants to universal design tools, strategies, methods and resources for integrating technology with research and standards - based practices that promote and foster achievement for all learners.

Rick Mills, ALLTech - a Division of The Spurwink Institute, ME

H. Supporting Students' Literacy Related Needs Using Standard and Assistive Technology

Explore the foundations of using assistive technology in the classroom to support greater literacy for struggling students. A variety of technologies designed to help students who struggle with literacy skill development will be explored. *Christine Thornton-Lepikko, West Warwick Public Schools, RI*

I. Transitioning a Student with an IEP to College - A Case Study

A college freshman who is significantly visually impaired and his former Teacher of the Visually Impaired will present two perspectives on this student's four-year transition from high school to college. *Brendan Foley, East Providence Public Schools; Ian T. Birchall, Providence College, RI*

J. Musical Intervention - Autism to Auditory Learners

Construct stunning musical projects with simple mouse clicks! Listen to timbre, and dynamics; explore volume, pitch and tone; and compose tunes with motivational computer-assisted activities. Software giveaways. *Jennifer Sweeney, Tool Factory, VT*

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Session III - 2:00PM - 3:30PM

K. Presenting the tango! A New Generation AAC Device

Explore the exciting new tango! by Blink Twice. This new generation speech output device combines a broad array of communication methods such as intuitive language, easy to use pop ups, new and colorful icons, a built in camera, voice morphing and so much more. Matching an individual's communication needs with the tango's best features brings the power of communication to a wide range of AAC users. *Russ Holland, Alliance for Technology Access, CA; Blink Twice Representative, TBA*

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L. You Already Have Access! Built-in Universal Access Features for MACs and PCs

Every MAC and PC comes with many built-in features for alternative access. Learn about the best features and interesting

ways to apply them. *Gloria Stuart,
TechACCESS of RI ; Joshua Rapoza,
North Kingstown School Department, RI*



M. Create Talking Books with PowerPoint and Other Easy to Use Software

Given the proper tools and direction, creating a custom talking book can be a simple process. This session will introduce you to underutilized, easy to use, and readily available tools that can create independent reading experiences for students with physical and cognitive disabilities. *Deb Dimmick,
ALLTech - a Division of The Spurwink Institute, ME*

N. Innovation and Customization of AT Devices for Adults with Disabilities

In this hands-on demonstration, innovative and customized AT devices developed at the URI AT Lab will be presented; exploring new possibilities beyond commercially available AT products. *Dr. Ying Sun, Dr. Frederick Vetter,
John DiCecco, and Eugene Chabot, URI*

O. Storytelling for Non-writers and Non-readers with Digital Cameras

Dissect story-building, then learn practical methods to teach sequencing using digital images. Construct a personalized talking book, graphic organizer, and worksheet using photographs and recorded speech. Software giveaways.

*Jennifer Sweeney, Tool Factory, VT
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Health Watch, Inc.
National Federation of the Blind of RI
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RI Parent Information Network
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Registration Information

1. Registration is limited to 300.
2. A sit down luncheon will be served at 12:00 noon. A vegetarian meal will be available with pre-registration.
3. Personal Attendants accompanying individuals may attend the conference at no charge; if they require a lunch, the cost is \$20.00 .
4. While every effort will be made to respond to **requests for accommodations**, none, including individual session interpreters, can be guaranteed if requested after **Friday, October 13**.
5. Scholarship help may be available; call TechACCESS at 401-463-0202.
6. Participants are requested to avoid wearing scents, in consideration of those having chemical sensitivity.
7. CRCs ,PDCs and Certificates of Attendance will be available.
8. There will be a CART reporter and an ASL Interpreter available at the luncheon.
9. Make check payable to:
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Directions to the Crowne Plaza
Crowne Plaza at the Crossings
Use Grand Ballroom Entrance
at rear of building

801 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick, RI
(401) 732-6000

95 North Bound (from New York) -
Exit 12A, bear right before light, hotel is on the right.

95 South Bound (from Boston) - Exit 12A,
bear right before light, hotel is on the right.

Bus Information: Bus #13 - East Greenwich (30-40 minutes from downtown Providence)

Registration Form

Name as it will appear on nametag:

Agency/School: _____
Address: _____ home work
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____

Fee:

- Pre-registration, exhibits, lunch \$60.00
- Student fee (full time, undergraduate) \$30.00
- Exhibit Hall Only \$20.00
- Lunch Only \$20.00
- Donation to support scholarships \$_____
- Total amount enclosed \$_____

Pre-registration must be received by
October 27, 2006. Walk-in registration is \$75.00
(Walk-in registrations cannot be assured lunch).

Accommodations requested: (must be received by Oct. 13, 2006)

- Large Print Disk Personal Attendant
- Braille Format: _____ Reader
- Cassette Tape ASL FM System (workshops only)
- Sighted Guide Quiet Space Vegetarian Lunch
- Spanish Interpreter Other: _____

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